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Applicants: Letac et al.  
Serial No.: 09/345,824  
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Title: VALVE PROSTHESIS FOR  
IMPLANTATION IN BODY  
CHANNELS  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Examiner: Pellegrino

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Per an Office Action dated May 4, 2000 the Examiner has  
grouped the claims of the above-identified application as  
follows.

Group I. Claims 1-27, drawn to a prosthetic valve;  
Group II. Claims 28-30 drawn to a balloon catheter; and  
Group III. Claims 31 and 32 drawn to a method of using  
the catheter with the valve prosthetic.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-27  
drawn to a prosthetic valve.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any  
additional fees which may be required in this application to  
Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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